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Traffic



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VEHICLE CODE

- 3.16.01 The trainee shall discuss the California Vehicle Code laws that pertain to the operation of motor vehicles and shall be able to recognize violations.

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- 3.16.02 The trainee shall define the following terms as used in the California Vehicle Code:

- A. Crosswalk
- B. Darkness
- C. Driver
- D. Highway
- E. Intersection
- F. Limit line
- G. Motor vehicle
- H. Roadway
- I. School bus
- J. Sidewalk
- K. Vehicle

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- 3.16.03 The trainee shall review and explain the elements of Vehicle Code sections giving authority to arrest.

Reference: 40300.5 through 40303; 40305

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- 3.16.04 The trainee shall identify common California Vehicle Code violations by code number and classification. These violations shall minimally include those dealing with:

- A. Vehicle registration and insurance requirements
- B. Theft of and tampering with vehicles
- C. Driver's licenses and identification cards including suspensions
- D. Hit and run
- E. Traffic control signals
- F. Other traffic control devices
- G. Driving, overtaking, and passing
- H. Right-of-way
- I. Pedestrians
- J. U-Turns
- K. Stopping, standing, and parking
- L. Driving under the influence
- M. Other public offenses
- N. Equipment violations
- O. Fleeing/evading an officer
- P. Reckless driving
- Q. Seat belt violations

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3.16.05 The trainee shall discuss enforcement options after observation of a traffic violation, including:

- A. Verbal warning
- B. Issuance of a citation
- C. Physical arrest

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3.16.06 The trainee shall properly and legibly complete a citation, for an observed traffic offense, within a reasonable time frame.

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3.16.07 The trainee shall explain that the required signature of a violator on a citation is not an admission of guilt but a promise to appear.

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IMPOUNDING/STORING VEHICLES

3.16.08 The trainee shall review and explain the agency's policy regarding towing procedures.

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3.16.09 The trainee shall identify/explain situations where he/she may have the authority to remove, store, and/or impound vehicles, including:

- A. Vehicle is abandoned (22669(a) VC)
- B. Vehicle is a traffic hazard (22651(b) VC)
- C. Incidental to an arrest (22651(h) VC)
- D. Vehicle is stored for safekeeping (22651 (g) VC)
- E. Vehicle is stolen, recovered, and not released in field (22651(c) and 22653(a) VC)
- F. Vehicle is held for investigation (22655.5 VC)
- G. Vehicle is involved in hit and run (22655 or 22653(b) VC)
- H. Vehicle with VIN removed (10751 VC)
- I. Vehicle held for operation by unlicensed driver (22651(p) VC)

Reference: See above

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3.16.10 The trainee shall discuss the legal authority for those instances when an officer may impound/store a vehicle from public and private property.

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3.16.11 Given an incident in which a vehicle is to be impounded or stored, the trainee shall impound or store the vehicle in an authorized manner. This shall minimally include:

- A. Compliance with state law
- B. Compliance with agency policy
- C. Completion of all required reports in a satisfactory manner

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VEHICLE COLLISIONS

3.16.12 The trainee shall discuss an officer's responsibilities in preventing accidents in the community, including:

- A. Education
- B. Enforcement
- C. Proactive engineering recommendations
- D. Patrol awareness (including assisting stranded motorists)
- E. Environmental factors that detract from traffic safety
- F. Development of positive interagency relationships with road/street department, public works, planning, and traffic safety commission.

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3.16.13 The trainee shall explain the primary duties of an officer at any traffic accident scene, including:

- A. Determining injuries and need for emergency first aid treatment
- B. Protecting the scene, including persons and property involved
- C. Appropriate use of flares (spilled fuel)
- D. Ascertaining the need for ambulance service

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- E. Considering the need for tow services
- F. Determining the need for further assistance

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- 3.16.14 The trainee shall review and explain the agency's policy regarding traffic collision investigation and reporting.

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- 3.16.15 The trainee shall define the term vehicle collision.

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- 3.16.16 The trainee shall discuss advantages and disadvantages of immediately removing (or having removed) all vehicles involved in a traffic accident from the highway.

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3.16.17 The trainee shall discuss the instances when a traffic accident must be investigated by law and agency policy. These instances shall minimally include any:

- A. Injury accident
- B. Hit and run accident
- C. Accident involving suspected drunk driving
- D. Accident involving city, county, or state property

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3.16.18 The trainee shall define the term “primary collision factor.”

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3.16.19 The trainee shall define the term “area of impact” and explain and/or demonstrate how area of impact is determined at both intersection and non-intersection accidents.

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3.16.20 The trainee shall define the term “coefficient of friction” as it pertains to roadways.

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3.16.21 The trainee shall define terms relevant to traffic collision reports, to include:

- A. Accident or collision: an unintended event that causes damage, death or injury.
- B. Classification of injuries: fatal injury; severe injury; other visible injuries; complaint of pain.
- C. Deliberate intent: an intentional act that directly or indirectly involves a motor vehicle in transport that purposely causes damage to property or injury to any person.
- D. In transport: this describes the state or condition of a vehicle when it is in use primarily for moving persons or property (including the vehicle itself) from one place to another.
- E. Other parties: a person other than the operator of the motor vehicle (includes driverless vehicle, a vehicle being towed by other than a rigid tow bar or tow truck, animal drawn conveyances, injured equestrians, injured parties in a train, airplane or cable car, or in highway construction equipment not in transport, injured parties in or upon a structure).
- F. Witness: a person other than an involved party or a passenger who can provide information relevant to the accident.

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3.16.22 The trainee shall identify the basic elements necessary to complete a factual diagram and/or sketch when investigating the scene of a traffic collision. The elements are:

- A. Indications of compass direction
- B. Measurements of the scene in proportion but not necessarily to scale

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- C. Use of appropriate illustrations
- D. Determine the point of impact (P.O.I.) and the point of rest (P.O.R.)

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3.16.23 The trainee shall identify types of physical evidence which are used to determine the cause of a collision, including:

- A. Locked wheel skid, critical speed scuff, impending skid, side skids, and acceleration scuff
- B. Debris, glass, vehicle parts, fluids, and other related property damage
- C. Photographs of the scene

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3.16.24 The trainee shall identify information to be obtained during a collision investigation interview, including:

- A. Identity of the involved parties and vehicle information
- B. Time and location of collision events
- C. Chronology of collision events
- D. Elements unique to hit and run collisions, if applicable

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- 3.16.25 Given a traffic accident, the trainee shall respond in a safe, efficient, and effective manner, and shall properly and accurately report the accident according to agency policy, including identification of the primary collision factor, along with any associated collision factors.

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TRAFFIC CONTROL/DIRECTION

- 3.16.26 The trainee shall demonstrate recognized traffic hand signals for a driver to include:

- A. Stop
- B. Turn right
- C. Turn left
- D. Start
- E. Keep moving

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- 3.16.27 The trainee shall demonstrate a method for using the flashlight to direct traffic in the hours of darkness.

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3.16.28 The trainee shall explain flare patterns and be able to safely light and extinguish a flare.

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3.16.29 Given a handout or exercise depicting an accident scene, the trainee shall mark where to place particular types of traffic control devices that will best protect persons and property with regard to the presence of flammable materials and traffic flow.

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DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

3.16.30 The trainee shall recognize and explain the common driving conditions of a suspected DUI.

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3.16.31 The trainee shall explain and demonstrate the sobriety tests used by the agency.

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3.16.32 The trainee shall explain the law and agency policy regarding chemical tests, including how, when, where, and by whom these tests are given as well as the acceptable level of force which may be used to obtain the samples.

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3.16.33 The trainee shall explain the law and agency policy regarding processing persons who refuse chemical testing.

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3.16.34 The trainee shall identify the report forms to be used for driving under the influence cases.

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- 3.16.35 Given a situation where a vehicle operator may be DUI, the trainee shall demonstrate the ability to conduct the field and chemical test(s) in a safe and effective manner and shall properly and accurately report the incident.

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